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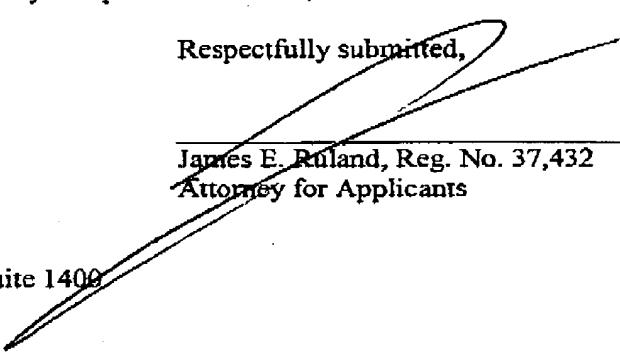
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Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art fails to teach or suggest the present invention as defined by the claims, particularly independent claims 1, 19, and 26.

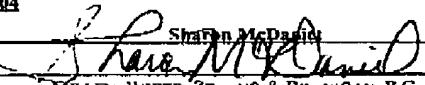
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